IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NAKAMOTO et al

Serial No.:

Filed: March 8, 2002

Process For Continuously Producing Polybutylene Terephthalate For:

Group:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner

for Patents

March 8, 2002 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 to read as follows.

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09/790,539, filed February 23, 2001, which is a Divisional application of application Serial No. 09/642,587, filed August 22, 2000.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this application. A marked up copy of the amended specification is attached.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.38891VV2), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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